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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 835  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Marion Emmalee  
Branum Mariner.

WHEREAS, it was with deep sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Mrs. Marion Emmalee Branum Mariner, of Norris; and

WHEREAS, Marion Mariner, leaves behind a legacy of love and accomplishment that she shared with her husband, the late George Thomas Mariner, Sr. and her family; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mariner's son, George ("Thomas") Mariner was by her side when the Good Lord called her to Glory; and

WHEREAS, renowned for being understanding, compassionate, supportive and friendly, Mrs. Mariner made many sacrifices to enable her family members to shine in the spotlight; and

WHEREAS, she was a graduate of Horace Maynard High School, and Berea College; and

WHEREAS, she had earned a Masters Degree in Home Economics from the University of Tennessee during her stellar career as a home economist; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Mariner had served with acumen and alacrity as a home agent in Campbell, Claiborne, and Roane counties; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mariner distinguished herself by means of her illustrious service as a 4-H Club agent, an educator at Fairview Elementary School and Horace Maynard High School, and as a Professor of Family Life and Expanded Nutrition in the Institute of Agriculture at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a prolific writer, Mrs. Mariner authored several articles and course materials that have been used in Home Economics and 4-H programs; and

WHEREAS, a native of the New Loyston community in Union County, she was a tireless worker who has served two terms on the town council of Norris, where she had been a resident since 1970; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian who stayed strong and steadfast to the Word of God, Marion Mariner was a member of the Norris United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen as the Norris City Librarian following her retirement from the University of Tennessee after 39 years of meritorious service; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen whose generosity was legendary, Mrs. Mariner volunteered at Fairview School to read to kindergarten children and in Oak Ridge to read to the blind; and

WHEREAS, an avid hiker and animal and plant lover, Mrs. Mariner could often be found exploring the Norris watershed or hiking the trails of the East Tennessee hills, which she loved; and

WHEREAS, the legacy she leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by her sisters, Johnnie Mae Waldrop and Maycle Cummings, her brother and sister-in-law, Leon and Phyllis Branum; her sister, Ethel and brother-in-law Fred Johnson; her sister-in-law Mildred Branum; her son and daughter-in-law, George Thomas Mariner, Jr. and Rosemary Bryant Mariner; and her granddaughter and namesake, Emmalee Ann Mariner; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her husband, Mrs. Mariner was preceded in death by her parents, Elvin and Gertrude Coppock Branum, her brothers, Fred, Earl, and H.C. Branum, and her sisters Orphia and Bonnie; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we express our deepest sorrow and regret at the death of Mrs. Marion Emmalee Branum Mariner of Norris, an exemplary citizen and professional, loyal friend and public servant, and devoted wife and mother. We extend our sympathy and condolences to her family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.